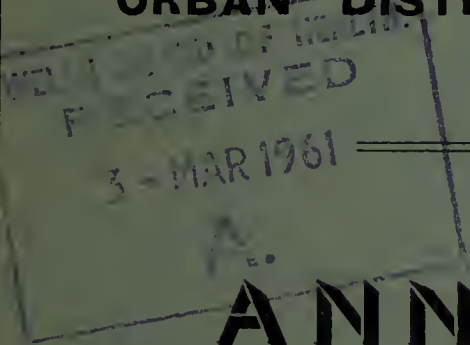


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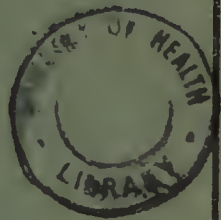
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**A N N U A L**  
**R E P O R T S**

**for the Year 1959**

of the



**Medical Officer of Health**

and

**Public Health Inspector**



St. David's,

Presteigne.

October, 1960

## **Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1959.**

To the Chairman and Members of the Presteigne Urban  
District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my report upon the  
Health of the Urban District for 1959.

The general health of the District has been good  
and there have been no epidemics.

The polio-myelitis vaccination campaign has met  
with good response and the age-limit has now been  
raised to 40.

It will be noticed that there is a steady drain in  
population of about ten people every year, although the  
birth rate and death rate remain more or less constant.

There are no vacant houses in Presteigne and  
when a house does become unoccupied it is immediately  
taken. Moreover there is virtually no unemployment  
and there is a demand for labour.

I do not believe that the existing housing applica-  
tion list is a true picture of the demand, many young  
couples to whom I speak say that it is useless to enter  
their names as there is no hope of a vacancy.

May I point out to the Council that there has been  
no building of any sort for seven years and no house  
built for ten years.

I have to thank the Clerk and the Public Health  
Inspector for their help and co-operation.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID WALKER,

Medical Officer of Health.

## Staff.

Medical Officer of Health.	David Walker, M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
Public Health Inspector.	G. V. R. Lee, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.
Clerk of the Council	Cecil Sellers

## Section A.

### STATISTICS and SOCIAL CONDITIONS of the AREA.

	1958	1959
Area (in acres) ... ..	2718	2718
Population ... ..	1240	1230
Number of inhabited houses ...	490	490
Rateable value of the area ...	£10,037	£10,037
Sum represented by a 1d. rate ...	£40	£40

### EXTRACT FROM THE VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

	1958			1959		
	M	F	T	M	F	T
Live births (legitimate)	10	5	15	9	5	14
(illegitimate)	1	—	1	—	1	1
Still births (legitimate)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths (all causes)	11	6	17	8	8	16
Deaths of infants under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infantile mortality rate	0·0			0·0		
Birth rate (per 1,000 of Population)	12·9			12·2		
Still birth rate (per 1,000 live and still births)	0·0			0·0		
Death rate (per 1,000 of Population)	13·7			13·0		

# CAUSES OF DEATH.

	1958			1959		
	M	F	T	M	F	T
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	—	—	—	1	—	1
„ „ lung, bronchus	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	—	—	—	—	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	—	1	1	—	1	1
Coronary Disease, Angina	2	—	2	3	2	5
Other Heart Disease	4	—	4	2	—	2
Other circulatory Disease	—	1	1	—	—	—
Pneumonia	—	—	—	1	1	2
Bronchitis	2	1	3	—	—	—
Diabetes	—	1	1	—	—	—
Influenza	—	—	—	—	1	1
Nephritis	—	—	—	—	1	1
Other defined or ill defined diseases	2	1	3	1	1	2
Motor vehicle accident	1	—	1	—	—	—
All other accidents	—	1	1	—	—	—
Total—All Causes	11	6	17	8	8	16

## NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

During the year 1959 only seven cases of infectious and other notifiable disease occurred; they were :

Measles

## **Section B.**

### **GENERAL PROVISION of HEALTH SERVICES for THE AREA.**

**LABORATORY FACILITIES.** The Public Health Laboratory in Hereford provides the necessary facilities for the area. Special facilities are available at a private Laboratory in Gloucester.

**CLINICS.** The County Council hold the Child Welfare Clinic on the first Tuesday in each month at the Memorial Hall. This is very well attended.

# **Annual Report of the Public Health Inspector for the year 1959.**

To the Chairman and Members of the Presteigne Urban  
District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my third Annual Report, upon the work carried out and falling within my scope during 1959.

During the year under review routine work continued to form the major portion of my duties and a comparison with the report for 1958 will reveal a considerable increase in the number of visits in connection with Housing work particularly in relation to repairs etc., at Council Housus.

It is pleasing to have to record again, in connection with Meat Inspection, that the meat sold in the town continues to be of a high quality and that the percentages affected with disease remain very low; it will be noted that it was again unnecessary to condemn more than small portions of carcasses and that no condemnations were made for tuberculosis.

I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their consideration, to express my thanks to Dr. Walker, and to your Clerk, Mr. Sellers, for their help and co-operation.

I am, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. V. R. LEE,

Public Health Inspector.

October, 1960.

## SUMMARY OF GENERAL SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

Total Inspections	1015
Number of Complaints received	15
Informal Notices served	21
Informal Notices complied	21
Statutory Notices Served	3
Statutory Notices Complied	3

### ROUTINE INSPECTIONS MADE.

Meat and Food	132
Meat Shops	18
Slaughterhouses	20
Housing—Primary	183
—Re-Inspections	381
Water Supply	20
Drainage	89
Cleansing	10
Rodent Control	11
Moveable Dwelling	2
Dairy	4
Bakehouse	4
Smoke	3
Accumulations	13
Food Premises	25
Shops	10
Ice Cream	22
Factory (No Mech. Power)	17
Miscellaneous	20
Factory (Mech. Power)	17
Highways	11
Cinema	3
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### MEAT and FOOD INSPECTION.

A total of 225 visits were made in connection with the inspection of meat and other foods.

#### MEAT INSPECTION.

There are two licensed slaughterhouses in your area. The following table gives the number of animals slaughtered during the year and percentages affected with disease.



# CARCASSES and OFFAL INSPECTED and CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle exclud- ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	130	—	—	501	96	—
Number inspected	124	—	—	492	96	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci: Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	6	—	—	18	—	—
Percentage of the No. inspected affect- ed with disease other than tubercul- osis or cysticerci	4'1	—	—	3'7	—	—
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the No. inspected affect- ed with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cysticercosis: Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—





